

## "LOUISVILLE, O."

My attention was directed to an article in the *Gospel Messenger*, No. 50, title, "A Mission to Johnstown, Pa.," by D. C. Moomaw of Virginia, which demands comment.

He says, "The Progressive friends of whom there is a large number within the limits of this congregation, did much to keep up our meetings and showed us marked and uniform kindness."

Progressive friends, (not brethren), what prejudice. We are glad that our brethren manifested such a magnanimous Christian spirit this is commendable. He mentions, "some prominent Progressives who have but little in common with the ideal nineteenth century Progressive. I think they would all be happier with the Lords family."

The German Baptists we suppose are the Lord's family. What an exalted opinion of self. Nobody else is entitled to any Christian respectability. I wonder with what family he classes the Progressives?

We are glad that our Bro. Moomaw is not to be the judge.

Who is this D. C. Moomaw? He cannot possibly be the same Moomaw, who, at the Arnold's Grove A. M., so nobly plead and defended Bro. Holsinger when he was on trial before that noted sanhedrim? If he is, then we say, O, consistency, thou art indeed a Jewel.

The German Baptists of the Canton church held a series of meetings of fifteen or twenty days ago, conducted by Eld. Jesse Calvert, of Warsaw, Ind. The weather and roads being unfavorable the meetings were not so well attended, and Bro. Jesse could not get up much of an interest. One accession is reported and no doubt much good has been done in edifying the saints, and warning sinners to flee the wrath to come. We wish them success. We entertain no unkind feelings, toward them; but we feel sorry that they are so narrow and selfish that they can not meet us as brethren.

Since my last report, on the 20th, Sunday one more, a very worthy young man, came out and united with us by relation, and also his worthy young wife who, when Bro. McFaden was with us, had given in her name. They were both publicly recognized and received into the church, and may they prove faithful is our wish and prayer.

JOSIAH KEIM.

## WAYNSVILLE, MO.

There has been considerable talk about a convention, but I cannot see the need of one. I am afraid of them. The command is, "Go ye," not to a convention, but to "teach all Nations."

The money and time and talk expended on a convention might, if expended in preaching the word, be the means of converting many souls. Suppose there is a convention. Would the ones that bear the expenses all be represented? I think not. If a plan was formed contrary to their faith and belief, would it be consistent to expect them to uphold it? If a church desires the services of Band can get him could they labor as well and take the same interest under the labor of D.? I think not.

H. P. METCALF.

## SHERWOOD, O.

Dec. 28.—We commenced our meeting on the evening of Dec. 5th, and continued until the 20th. We expected Bro. John Nicholson, of Iowa, with us, but were disappointed. So the work was carried on by the home Ministry, Bro. Isaac Stockman in charge. At the close two came out on the Lord's side, and will be baptized. So you see we are moving slowly along.

On Christmas eve, we met at the house of Sister Ruder for prayer and had a good meeting; one that will long be remembered by all present. After meeting brother and sister Stockman were made the recipients of a quilt, and other presents, and \$6.92 in money, which were thankfully received and highly appreciated.

We expect Bro. D. S. Cripe of Ind., with us soon, then we will have another meeting.

G. W. FILMOUR.

## FALLS CITY, NEB.

Dec. 25.—Having read the call from Bro. H. R. Holsinger, for a report from Falls City church, so I write. S. C. Stump is our Elder, and has the oversight of the church here. The past fall he was at different places preaching and is now somewhere in Kansas trying to do some good. Hope he will be successful.

Our regular appointments are two or three times a month, at 11 A. M. Sometimes we have a fifth Sunday in a month. The G. B. are allowed half the time. Four of us are preachers and others visit us, so each of us have an opportunity to preach occasionally. Brethren C. Forney, of Burr Oak, Kans.; Jonathan Warner and P. H. Burnworth of Poney Creek, Kans., preached for us occasionally.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST is preaching to some of us and telling us the glad news of joy and rejoicing in many places. This is I think the best way of having a good convention; time enough for all to speak and to hear the glad tidings of salvation.

In No. 51 I have read "Church Discipline," and I say Amen, AMEN, AMEN.

I am fully convinced in my own mind, in my hopes and faith, that the College Debt will be paid. And the sooner the better. Let your light shine. Do not hide your money under a half bushel or under a bed. There ought to be one educated minister in every county in the United States. Therefore let us do what we can in this work, and what we ought to do. God loves a cheerful giver, and so does brother Holsinger.

JACOB GEBHART.

## MILFORD, IND.

Dec. 27.—I will give you a report of our successful meeting at this place. Thirty-two more have united with our church. Only one year ago this winter, Bro. John Nicholson organized this church with twelve members. Since then Bro. R. F. Mallott has added seventy-two more to our small number of twelve.

The people of northern Indiana think the gospel platform is wide enough and solid enough to bear us all up.

We intend to build a brick church in Milford, next spring, we have about \$1,500 subscribed

now. We only started our subscription a few days ago.

JOHN DUBBS.

## PLUMVILLE, PA.

Dec. 28.—Our meetings were opened at this place according to arrangements, on the 23rd of this month. We are having good congregations, good attention and a general Christian interest seems to prevail. One stood up for Christ on last evening, and we have good reasons to believe there are more to follow. May the Lord enable them to decide the all-important question. We will hold a communion service in two weeks from this evening. The brethren here are just getting to work again, since the confusion into which they were thrown by A. M. rule. May all our dear brethren soon be free from that blight.

A. J. STERLING.

## BEAVER VALLEY, NEB.

Dec. 28.—A series of meetings were commenced at the Beaver valley school house, 4 miles east of Beaver City, by Bro. C. Torney, Dec. 19th, and closed Dec. 27th, he preached twelve sermons. There was a deep interest manifested by the people, in his earnest and able preaching; although there were no new accessions, we feel that the spirit of the Lord is working in the hearts of the people; and we sincerely trust that the energetic soul stirring sermons of our dear Brother, has caused a renewal of grace and religious zeal in the hearts of the members of the Summerset church of this place.

We had a good social meeting on Christmas day at 11 o'clock and feelingly conducted. Opened by singing "I know that my Redeemer liveth;" prayer by Bro. Torney, followed by reading the scripture on the birth of Jesus: a short time was spent talking to us of our Blessed Redeemer. We were all deeply touched by his feeling and sorrowful remarks on the death of our beloved Eld. Jacob Arnsbarger, for whom we deeply grieve, but while mourning can not but rejoice to know that he is singing the praise of his Redeemer, freed from all pain, and trials of this world, made happy in "That beautiful home of the soul." Then wishing to hear from the brothers and sisters of their spiritual welfare; he gave the meeting into our keeping. Bro. Frank Seibert in his earnest yet quiet way gave us an encouraging exhortation to live near our Savior; followed by other Brothers and Sisters speaking jealously in the cause of Christ. I believe we all had great cause to thank God and take courage.

Sunday and Sunday evening the house was crowded. Bro. Torney is an earnest and efficient worker in the vineyard of Christ, and is doing a good work here. Our membership is small, but we are moving along slowly and we hope surely and believe that God is opening the hearts of the people in this vicinity. I am young in the service of God, but hope through His grace to grow strong and steadfast in the good cause. Monday Dec. 28th, the members met in consul to select an Elder which resulted in the choosing of Brother Torney.

MAT. EMBREE.

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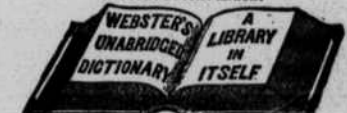
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